

an LCD display for presenting a scrolling display mounted on the front face and coupled to the control circuit within said case;

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a plurality of control buttons extending outwardly from the case, said buttons being coupled to the control circuit to provide a means to create, edit, store, and display messages at a predetermined speed on the LCD display and to choose the number of times a message will repeat before the display shuts off; and,

serial interface apertures on the rear face for access to the control circuit for alternative programming of said circuit via an external computer.

REMARKS

This amendment responds to the Examiner's comments in the Office Action of March 14, 2001.

DRAWINGS

The drawings have been objected to as failing to comply with 37 CFR 1.84(p)(5). Revised drawings have been prepared and are submitted herewith with the appropriate reference signs applied to the drawings to overcome the cited objection.

CLAIM REJECTIONS—35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 2 and 3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claims the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner cites the limitation "the mounting means" as lacking sufficient antecedent basis. Applicant has overcome this objection by amending Claim 2 to recite "the mounting means" as an element of the Claim. Claim 3 is dependent on Claim 2 and the objection is also overcome with regard to Claim 3.

PRIOR ART

The Examiner has cited certain prior art for the record. This prior art is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure but is not relied upon. Claims 1 and 4-7 have been allowed.

Applicant has reviewed the prior art of record and concurs that the patents do not affect the patentability of the present disclosure.

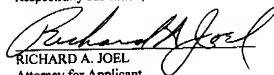
Applicant has added Claim 8 by amendment to fully cover the invention and eliminate the future need for any reissue. Specifically, applicant has eliminated the means to vary the scrolling speed of the display. The specification notes that means may be provided to vary the scrolling speed. Applicant wishes to cover the case where the scrolling speed is fixed at one of the particular speeds.

SUMMARY

Claims 1 and 4-7 are allowed. It was noted that Claims 2 and 3 contained allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten to overcome the objection under 35 U.S.C. 112. The amendment has been made and these claims are deemed allowable. Claim 8 has been added to more fully cover the invention.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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